

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to clarify the invention, and not for reasons of patentability. Reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1 and 19 because of informalities.

However, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1 (*sic*), 2, 4, 5, and 19 (*sic*), as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but found them allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (*sic*).

Assuming the Examiner means that Claims 1 and 19 are also found allowable if the informalities are removed, in order to further the prosecution of the case, the Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 19 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 19, and also dependent Claims 2, and 4-5, should now all be in form for allowance and such action is hereby solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such an extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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